

ALL CATHOLICS ON AN EQUALITY.

Important Ruling of the Pope
on the Parochial
Question.

ENGLISH FOR STUDENTS.

Children May Leave the Parish of
Their Parents for One Where
English Is Spoken.

WILL TEND TO AMERICANISM.

Intended to Amalgamate Foreign Ele-
ments and Strengthen the Polit-
ical Unity of This
Country.

Catholic clergymen in New York com-
mented freely yesterday on a press dis-
patch from Chicago setting forth that the
Pope had just transmitted to the Catholic
Church in the United States a most signifi-
cant ruling touching the use of English as
the language of the Church. Such a deci-
sion, they declare, more strongly affirms
the wise and progressive policy of Leo XIII.
in regard to the Church in America.

"The decision has reference only to pa-
rishes made up of foreigners," reads the dis-
patch, "and children born in America of
foreign parents, whose native language is
not English, are not obliged, when of age,
to become members of the parish to which
their parents belong, but they have the
right to join a parish in which the language
of the country—that is, English—is used."

"Catholics not born in America, but
knowing the English language, have the
right of becoming members of a parish in
which English is in use, and they cannot
be compelled to submit themselves to the
jurisdiction of the rector of a church built
for people who continue to speak the lan-
guage of a foreign country."

It is claimed by the clergy that this
has been the attitude of the Pope for
many years past, ever since the days of
Caheneyism, and this new ruling only
emphasizes the policy of the Pontiff.

German Dissatisfied.

It is understood that the German element
in the Church is still dissatisfied and wants
the question reopened, though it has been
debated over and over again by some of
the greatest minds in the Church in this
country and at the Vatican. The German
contention is that in a parish consisting
entirely of Germans that parish should ex-
ercise absolute control over the children
within it.

A report from Washington says that the
decision was made at the suggestion of
Mr. Martinielli, who desired an authorita-
tive utterance from Rome for his guidance.
The Apostolic Delegate has been deluged
by appeals to decide petty disputes arising
over parish affairs. The rectors of German,
Polish and other foreign speaking parishes
claimed complete jurisdiction over Catho-
lics who spoke their language, and, follow-
ing a preconceived policy, exerted them-
selves to foster the use of foreign tongues
in this country.

The decision is construed as a final
decision that the Catholic Church in this
country has determined to exert its power-
ful influences to mould the polyglot popu-
lation of the United States into a har-
monious whole. This will be brought about
by discouraging preaching in foreign
tongues and compelling rectors of foreign
speaking parishes to teach English in all
their parochial schools. It is a triumph for
the liberal wing of the American church
and also brought about principally through
the representations of Archbishop Keane,
now in Rome.

Will Tend to Americanism.

It is said that Archbishop Ireland's new
book, "The Church and Modern Society,"
which reviewed the parochial school con-
troversy, waged for years with great bit-
terness, has had much to do with opening
up the question anew. The Catholic World,
published by the Paulists, in a review of
this book says:

"Unassimilated populations in a country
are like undigested food in the human
stomach, painful and weakening to the
body politic. They are composed of immi-
grants, who will not learn the national
language, who will classify themselves only
according to racial divisions, who have be-
come naturalized mainly for racial ends,
who are here for temporary purposes, and
hope to return to the old land; who pride
themselves more on their foreign birth-
right than on their American adoption."

"All these things are a grievous pain to
the American nation, and they are an el-
ement of weakness whether they are ig-
norant and stupid or have the clever ways
of educated men to help them weaken our
political unity."

"Now, since multitudes of the immi-
grants are Catholics, it is the opportunity
of the Church to smooth and hasten the
process of Americanization, to favor the na-
tional language in church and school."
Washington, D. C., May 23.—Mr. Shar-
rett, auditor of the papal delegation,
in charge during the absence of
Mr. Martinielli, was asked to-day what ef-
fect this decision would have on parishes
enjoying the interest on bequests and en-
dowments made with the special provision
that some particular foreign tongue should
be used. He replied:

"That is not a question to be decided at
this time. When we come to the pe-
riod when English is spoken by all
American citizens we can consider that point."

THAT WEST POINT CHAPEL.

Auditor Sharrett, of the Papal Delegation,
Declares that He Cannot Under-
stand McKenna's Ruling.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Mr. Shar-
rett, auditor of the Papal delegation,
to-day expressed himself as very much
surprised that Attorney-General McKenna
had rendered a decision against the erec-
tion of a Catholic chapel at West Point.
Mr. Sharrett is a lawyer himself. He said:

"I cannot understand how Mr. McKenna
arrived at the conclusion that Father
O'Keefe intended to make a gift to the
Government. Of course, if a man or a
corporation erects a building on another
man's land, by that very fact the struc-
ture becomes the property of the owner
of the soil. It is not a gift, but a natural
consequence of his act. When it was de-
cided to erect this chapel at West
Point, under the permission of the Sec-
retary of War, no one could imagine that
any Catholic thought the Church would
have any title to it. The Government could
have taken it at any time and devoted it
to any use it desired. I do not intend to
decide Mr. McKenna's case, but I am per-
suaded that the Government cannot be
permitted to take the risks involved in building
on ground to which they could not secure
title."

James W. O'Brien is editor of the Sunday
Union, a weekly Catholic newspaper. In
the issue of his paper published yesterday
was an editorial reference to Attorney-
General McKenna's decision concerning
the West Point chapel. The editorial said:
"The West Point chapel is vetoed. At-
torney-General McKenna has decided that
Father O'Keefe cannot be permitted to
erect that \$200,000 place of worship for
Catholic soldiers on Government property."



NEW YORK QUAKERS AT THEIR 203D ANNUAL MEETING IN STUYVESANT SQUARE.

THE meeting house of the Quakers, on Rutherford place, Stuyvesant square, was crowded at 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon with more than 1,000 members of the sect, who had gathered in honor of the two hundred and third yearly meeting of the New York section of the Church.

At yesterday morning's service the meeting house was filled to overflowing. The room is severely plain in its architecture, there being not a particle of decoration nor a superfluous line or curve nor a dash of bright colored paint.

The meeting began in complete and solemn silence, as each one communed with his own thoughts, or silently prayed. And then, the spirit moving, Allen Filcraft, of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and a prominent guest at this gathering, arose and spoke. The old rule that prescribed that men and women should sit apart from each other is not, in these modern days, fully adhered to, but enough of the older members observed it to make it very apparent that on the left of the meeting house sat most of the women and on the right most of the men. Every man wore his hat.

Following Allen Filcraft's talk came another interval of complete silence, which was broken when Alice Robinson, of Baltimore, another of the guests, arose. Silence again succeeded her remarks. There was no singing, nor was there instrumental music, for to the Friends such things are forbidden. When the last speaker had concluded there was a final interval of silence, and then the congregation dispersed.

In the afternoon, at 2:45, there was a meeting of children in the great square men's meeting room, in charge of Mariana Chapman, of Brooklyn.

This privilege was given by the former Secretary of War and confirmed by the present secretary. The Methodist preachers' convention sent a message of protest. And now the Catholic gentleman who is a member of Mr. McKenna's Cabinet comes forth with a legal veto. The opposition preachers are delighted that the howl they raised has taken shape in a legal blow from the hand of a Catholic official. It is a sad blow to the poor Catholic soldiers.

Highland Falls, N. Y., May 23.—Father O'Keefe was seen to-day, and had but little to say regarding the Catholic chapel at West Point and the decision of the Attorney-General. No official information of the decision had reached him, and under the circumstances he did not wish to discuss it. He said Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, in whose name the license to build a chapel at West Point had been issued, has the absolute assurance from the Secretary of War that it will not be recalled or interfered with.

The Catholics of Highland Falls and West Point are great and over the matter. Indignation of the action of Attorney-General McKenna is widespread, and President McKenna comes in for no small share of the blame. What makes the feeling deeper is the fact that a few of the principal Presbyterian and Methodist ministers and business men of Highland Falls took part in the affair. Dennis Barrow and Mr. Travers, it is claimed, headed a protest against the erection of the chapel. Mr. Barrow recently came from Canada, and West Pointers resent his interference.

"THE BIBLE LIKE HOMER."

We Shall Read the Book Some Day, Says Mr. J. Savage, as We Read the Iliad and Odyssey.

"What can the Bible do for us, and why should we read it to-day?" was the title of a sermon delivered by the Rev. Minot J. Savage yesterday.

"Every person of even ordinary education," said Dr. Savage, "ought to be familiar with the Bible as a part of their ordinary education. One cannot claim to be well educated without at least a general knowledge of the Bible, which is the pivot on which English history on more than one point turns."

"I know people who would be ashamed of their ignorance concerning some of Shakespeare's heroines, but are not at all ashamed of their ignorance of the Bible. The history of civilization everywhere is full of biblical allusions, and we ought to know the Bible sufficiently to hold the key to these things."

"Then, too, you want to know the Bible, because within its limits are at least a few of the literary masterpieces of the world. Among the most valuable of the many lessons taught by the Bible," said Dr. Savage, "is the contest that waged between the prophets and the priests; the latter trying to hold things as they were and the prophets trying to work on more righteous lines."

"It is a lesson that bears on the essential elements of to-day," declared the pastor. "It was because Jesus was the

be in hell with him that in heaven with some of the good people whom I know. The organized church is rapidly disappearing. It has been a human organism purely, invented by man's genius to further the interests of religion. The churches that are not reorganizing are perishing rapidly."

"This breaking down of the ecclesiastical machine does not mean the failure of religion; it may mean that a larger and sweeter religious force has taken the place of this church organism. A host of illumined minds are rising outside the religious machine with a larger religious spirit than that which dominates those within."

"I venture to say that not one of the churches now existing will survive 200 years."

LAUREL ON FARRAGUT'S GRAVE

Federal and Confederate Veterans Honor the Great Unionist Admiral.

The Farragut Association of Naval Veterans held their annual memorial services at the Farragut Monument in Madison square, yesterday afternoon. There were associated with them the Confederate Veteran Camp of the City of New York, and the Naval Cadets of the Port of New York. The services began by the placing of the national and confederate flags and a wreath of laurel at the base of the statue of Farragut. Afterward a number of brief addresses were made. Among those who spoke were Commander Dickinson, Colonel C. E. Thorburn, C. V. C.; Colonel J. B. Wilkinson, Commander of the C. V. C.; Adjutant T. L. Moore, C. V. C.; Chaplain Robert Edwards, F. A.; Captain F. H. Grove, F. A., and Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Blanchard.

Colonel Thorburn said in his address:

"Farragut and Grant and Thomas helped make history, but so did Lee and Jackson and Jefferson Davis. We fought you as best we could, and now we extend the hand of fellowship and come to do honor to the memory of your great Admiral whose figure stands before us."

Miss Dean Leaves for Alaska.

Miss Elizabeth M. Dean, a deaconess in the Protestant Episcopal Church, will leave this city to-day for San Francisco, on her way to Alaska, where she will take charge of the hospital work connected with the missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church. Miss Dean has just completed her course of study at the New York Training School for Deaconesses, at Grace House, where she had been for the last two years. A special service of ordination was performed Friday afternoon in order that she might leave at once.

Says "Bob" Ingersoll Is to Blame.

Rev. John McNeill, the Scottish evangelist, preached yesterday afternoon at Carnegie Music Hall.

"This city needs salvation," said the preacher, "but a lack of fear in our religious life is responsible for the unwillingness to seek it. This lack of fear is due to 'Bob' Ingersoll, and others of his belief. We should be drawn away from sin by sheer love of Christ."

Forty Pupils Confirmed.

The Right Rev. Ellison Capers, Bishop of South Carolina, in the absence of Bishop Potter, officiated last night at the confirmation exercises of a class of forty pupils at the Church of the Reconciliation on Thirty-second street. The candidates for confirmation had previously passed through a thorough course of catechization by the pastor, Rev. James G. Lewis, D. D.

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